

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **TRAUMA HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE –
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
(THAC-QI)**

REFERENCE NO. 615

PURPOSE: Care of the injured patient requires a system approach to ensure optimal care. To assist the EMS Agency, the Trauma Hospital Advisory Committee - Quality Improvement Subcommittee (THAC-QI) shall assess, monitor, and facilitate the Quality Improvement (QI) process for the Los Angeles County Trauma Centers.

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code Division 2.5
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 7, Section 100256
California Evidence Code, Section 1157.7
California Civil Code, Part 2.6, Section 56.

PRINCIPLE: The proceedings of the Trauma Quality Improvement Subcommittee shall be free from disclosure and discovery. (Section 1157.7, California Evidence Code)

POLICY:

- I. The THAC-QI shall be responsible for:
 - A. The ongoing review of the Los Angeles County Trauma Center System Regional Quality Improvement Program.
 - B. Developing new and validating current system QI filters.
 - C. Identifying system issues, developing a plan for improvement, and monitoring results.
 - D. Coordinating and compiling focused studies/research on selected issues.
 - E. Developing quality management recommendations for the trauma system.
- II. The membership of THAC-QI Committee will represent both private and County-operated trauma centers and a geographical cross section of Los Angeles County. THAC-QI Committee Membership shall consist of the following:
 - A. Physician representative from each Regional Quality Improvement Committee (R-QIC), and alternate.
 - B. Trauma Program Manager representative from each R-QIC, and alternate.
 - C. Trauma System Program Manager, EMS Agency
 - D. Other individuals whose presence is germane to the quality assurance/ improvement process may be invited as ad hoc members:

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SUPERSEDES: 05-01-12

APPROVED:


Director, EMS Agency


Medical Director, EMS Agency

III. THAC-QI Procedures:

- A. Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis.
- B. Meeting location and agenda shall be the responsibility of the EMS Agency Trauma System Program Manager.
- C. A representative from each R-QIC shall provide a report on the region's activities, and a summary of the quarterly system indicators.
- D. Unresolved systems issues shall be forwarded, with written recommendations, to THAC for action.
- E. Unresolved institutional issues shall be forwarded, with written recommendations, to the Trauma System Quality Improvement Committee for action.
- F. The EMS Agency Trauma System Program Manager shall maintain an official attendance roster which shall include the Evidence Code 1157.7 section regarding confidentiality.
- G. The EMS Agency shall maintain all records in a confidential manner.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 614, **Trauma System Quality Improvement Committee - (Ad Hoc)**

Ref. No. 616, **Trauma Hospital Regional Quality Improvement Program**